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SUBJECT: MEETINGS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS

1. AT THEIR REQUEST, I MET SEPARATELY WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS MORNING SEPTEMBER 11 TO GIVE THEM RUNDOWN ON NIMETZ VISIT SIMILAR TO THAT EWING GAVE TO TZOUNIS PER ATHENS 7831.

2. GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS COMMENTED AFTER MY BRIEFING THAT HE FELT THERE HAD BEEN NOTHING THAT WAS REALLY NEW. HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SUBSTANTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT BEFORE MID-OCTOBER, THE GOC WOULD GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IN DISCUSSING "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH, I EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT GOC EFFORTS CLAIMING THAT DENKTASH DID NOT REPRESENT TURKISH COMMUNITY. DOUNTAS READILY ADMITTED THAT DENKTASH WAS IN FACT THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE ON THE PART OF THE GOC TO ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT HIM.

3. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON, WHOSE LEAVE WAS CUT SHORT BY NIMETZ VISIT, SAID HE FOUND ON RETURNING TO THE
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ISLAND THAT RUMORS WERE RIFE ABOUT THE ACTIVITY OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. WHEN I PRESSED HIM FOR DETAILS HE SAID ONE STORY GOING THE ROUNDS WAS THAT THE AMERICANS WERE PREPARED TO PAY 25,000 TURKISH LIRA TO EVERY ANATOLIAN FAMILY THAT RETURNED TO TURKEY. HE SAID WITH APPARENT CONVICTION THAT HE BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE RESULT OF A GOC DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN MOUNTED BY THE

KYP AND STAGED THROUGH THE DHEKELIA SBA. HE THEN TOLD ME THAT HE FELT UNPREPARED TO DEAL WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES AND HAD THEREFORE REQUESTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PSYWAR SPECIALIST TO HIS EMBASSY STAFF. COMMENT: WE ARE CHECKING THIS ALLEGATION THROUGH OTHER SOURCES.

4. BOTH AMBASSADORS FELT THAT FACT NIMETZ VISIT HAD NOT BROKEN ANY CROCKERY JUSTIFIED CONCLUSION THAT IT HAD BEEN A REAL SUCCESS.
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